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SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT: TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO ELECTED NEW SECGEN

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SUMMARY: SURPRISING WITHDRAWAL OF OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SECRE-
TARY GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA (CAMEROON) TWO SAYS
BEFORE ELECTIONS VIRTUALLY ASSURED VICTORY OF TOGOLESE
FONMIN EDEM KODJO. OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTED ETEKI'S WITH-
DRAWAL AND KODJO'S VICTORY TO UNIFORM SUPPORT FOR KODJO
FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WESTERN AFRICAN STATES
(ECOWAS). TWO ASST. SECSGEN WERE RETAINED AND THREE NEW
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ONES ELECTED. INITIAL ASSESSMENT IS FOR MODERATE LEADERSHIP.
END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF FORMER SECGEN ETEKI FROM
ELECTIONS, IT APPEARED TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO WOULD BE
ELECTED WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY. HOWEVER, AFTER
HE HAS UNABLE TO WIN FIRST ROUND BALLOT, ALGERIANS BEGAN

TO PUSH CANDIDACY OF MALI AMB. TO UN (OUATTARA) TO BLOCK KODJO FROM ELECTION. GIVE BALLOTS LATER, COMPROMISE CANDIDATE, POSSIBLY SUDANESE MINSTATE FRANCIS DENG, WAS PROPOSED. BUT THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO SUMMIT AND IT APPEARS THAT ALGERIANS WERE ABLE TO STRIKE DEAL WITH KODJO'S SUPPORTERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR BACKING OF ASSTSEC GEN NOURREDINE DJOUDI (ALGERIA). KODJO WON ON EIGHTH BALLOT (39-8).

2. ASSTSEC GEN DR. PETER ONU (NIGERIA) WAS UNOPPOSED AND RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. MR. A.N. CHIMUKA (ZAMBIA), CURRENTLY CHIEF OF POLITICAL DIVISION OF OAU, GAINED THE NEWLY-CREATED 5TH ASSTSEC GEN SPOT RESERVED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE WAS ALSO UNOPPOSED AND CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION. OTHER THREE ASSTSEC GEN SPTS WERE VIGOROUSLY CONTESTED. NORTH AFRICAN POSITION WAS WON BY ASSTSEC GEN DJOUDI ON FOURTH BALLOT (29-15) AGAINST EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE. ONLY ENERGETIC ALGERIAN LOBBYING WAS ABLE TO SAVE DJOUDI'S JOB. 1 EAST AFRICAN POSITION WAS WON BY UGANDAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PAUL ETAING (31-14) AGAINST KENYAN FORMER ASSTSEC GEN NYENNEQUE. CENTRAL AFRICAN POSITION WAS WON BY MUREGO DONAT (RWANDA) BY 34-12 MARGIN OVER ZAMBIAN FORMER ASSTSEC GEN KAMANDA.

3. OAU LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO HAVE RETAINED A GENERALLY MODERATE COMPOSITION, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNKNOWN HOW THESE

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NEW INDIVIDUALS WILL FUNCTION WITHIN OAU INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OR EVEN IF THEY WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT AT ALL ON OAU POLICIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY ADDIS WOULD APPRECIATE FROM DEPT AND ADDRESSEES WHATEVER BIO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON NEW OAU OFFICIALS TO FACILITATE WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS AT SECRETARIAT.

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